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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
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The Honorable Frank M. Kratovil, Jr.
Member, U. S. House of Representatives
102 Turpins Lane
Centreville, Maryland 21617

Dear Representative Kratovil:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, 2010 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of your constituent, Mr. [redacted], as a follow up to EPA's September 24, 2010 letter to you regarding Mr. [redacted] ongoing dispute with Baltimore County regarding his property.

Please be assured that EPA has not merely relied on assertions by counsel for Baltimore County regarding whether federal funds were involved in this matter. We carefully reviewed the documents previously provided, which were again included with your October 22, 2010 correspondence. These documents do not prove involvement of federal funds in the Stemmer's Run Force Main project through which Mr. [redacted] property was condemned. EPA has confirmed, through Mr. Jag Khuman, Director of the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration within MDE, that no state revolving funds or state grant funds have been provided for this project. Any federal monies used to finance this project would have been channeled through the state revolving fund. Mr. [redacted] should be aware of this, as his attorney made a request, through the Maryland Public Information Act, to review the MDE files for this information in 2009.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Linda Miller, EPA's Maryland Liaison, at 215-814-2068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Garvin", is written over the typed name and title.

Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Jag Khuman, Director
Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration

